

**T&PW** – Your Committee recommends passage of the accompanying Resolution approving Hennepin County Transportation Department's Layout 3 for County State Aid Highway 152 (CSAH 152), Washington Avenue between Hennepin Ave and 5<sup>th</sup> Ave S Reconstruction project and the concept plan for Washington Ave from 5<sup>th</sup> Ave S to I-35W, dated January 30, 2014.

**Reich**

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Approving the Hennepin County Department of Transportation's layout for County State Aid Highway (CSAH 152) Washington Avenue between Hennepin Avenue and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South and the concept plan for Washington Ave from 5<sup>th</sup> Ave S to I-35W, dated January 30, 2014.**

Whereas, the Hennepin County Department of Transportation (County) has proposed the reconstruction of Washington Avenue from Hennepin Avenue to 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South and the concept plan for Washington Ave from 5<sup>th</sup> Ave S to I-35W in Minneapolis; and

Whereas, the City and County have held many meetings and open houses with the adjacent communities to solicit input for the development of the layout; and

Whereas, the City and County Departments of Public Works concur that the layout provides for the existing and future transportation needs and meets State standards; and

Whereas, staff has made its recommendation to the City Council based on said determination;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the City of Minneapolis:

That the City approves the Hennepin County Department of Transportation's Layout 3 dated January 30, 2014 for Washington Avenue (County State Aid Highway 152) between Hennepin Avenue and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South and the concept plan for Washington Ave from 5<sup>th</sup> Ave S to I-35W, as submitted.

**Reich**

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS**, Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis are in the preliminary design phase for the reconstruction of Washington Avenue (County State Aid Highway 152) between Hennepin Avenue (County State Aid Highway 52) and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South in the City of Minneapolis; and

**WHEREAS**, construction of the above mentioned improvements will be accomplished under Hennepin County Project Number 9840 (State Aid Project Number 027-752-027); and

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Rules for State Aid Operations Chapter 8820 sets minimum design standards for local state aid routes; and

**WHEREAS**, the existing roadway corridor is a six lane configuration consisting of three through lanes in each direction; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed project seeks a balance in the use of the existing right-of-way to provide for a safe and efficient multi-modal facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the reduction in number of existing travel lanes and narrowing of remaining travel lanes provides space for an enhanced pedestrian realm and the addition of a bicycle facility; and

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Rule 8820.9936 requires a minimum surface width of 11 feet for travel lanes; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Minneapolis actively supports the Hennepin County variance request of the Minnesota Department of Transportation to allow design of the proposed County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 152 roadway reconstruction project with 10.8 foot wide travel lane instead of the standard 11 foot width, for the entire length of said CSAH 152 roadway project between Hennepin Avenue and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South.